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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. WHERE DAYAN STANDS

SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CEASE-FIRE, GENERAL DAYAN HAS ADVOCATED AN ISRAELI POLICY OF REALISM AND FLEXIBILITY. HE WAS THE FIRST ISRAELI LEADER TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE OCTOBER WAR MIGHT CREATE AN OPENING TO A DURABLE PEACE AND, DURING THE RECENT LABOR PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, HE REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR A PEACE AGREEMENT. THE WAR HAS DAMAGED HIS DOMESTIC POLITICAL POSITION AND SOME LABOR PARTY MEMBERS HAVE CALLED FOR HIS RESIGNATION. ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER MEIR WANTS TO KEEP DAYAN IN THE CABINET, HER FREEDOM TO DO SO IS LIMITED. WHETHER HE SURVIVES WILL DEPEND ON THE SHOWING OF THE LABOR PARTY AT THE POLLS ON DEC. 31.
(CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 9895, 12/6.

2. FRANCE AND SALT CONSULTATIONS

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EMBASSY PARIS SPECULATES THAT FRANCE IS TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF USING THE EC AS A FORUM FOR THE CONSIDERATION

OF SALT ISSUES. ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH HAVE PARTICIPATED
IN NAC CONSULTATIONS, THEY MIGHT HOPE THAT EC CONSIDER-
ATION OF FORWARD BALLISTIC SYSTEMS AND NON-TRANSFER WILL
PRODUCE A EUROPEAN VIEW FOR PRESENTATION TO NAC IN MUCH
THE SAME WAY AS THE EC OPERATES RELATIVE TO CSCE.
FRANCE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE OTHER ALLIES
TO AGREE TO SUCH A FRAMEWORK SINCE THEY ARE GENERALLY
SATISFIED WITH THE NAC CONSULTATIONS. (SECRET) PARIS
31286, 12/6 (EXDIS). KISSINGER

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